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SUBJECT: FEDERAL-PROVINCIAL COMMITTEE ESTABLISHED TO
STUDY ILLICIT DRUGS

1. ON MARCH 24 FEDERAL MIN JUSTICE RON BASFORD AND
BRITISH COLUMBIA ATTORNEY GENERAL GARDE GARDON ANNOUNCED
THAT THEY HAD MET ON MARCH 23 WITH MINISTERS AND OFFICIALS
OF THEIR RESPECTIVE GOVERNMENTS TO DISCUSS THE PROBLEM
OF NARCOTIC ABUSE. BRITISH COLUMBIA WAS THE MAIN FOCUS
OF ATTENTION SINCE ACCORDING TO THE ANNOUNCEMENT OVER
SIXTY PERCENT OF THE NATIONAL DRUG PROBLEM IS CENTERED
THERE. THE OFFICIALS SAID THAT IMMEDIATE INITIATIVES WERE
REQUIRED TO COMBAT THE PROBLEM AND THAT MEASURES WERE
NEEDED TO DEAL WITH THE QUESTION OF SUPPLY AND DEMAND.

2. THE MINISTERS ANNOUNCED THAT THEY HAD AGREED TO FORM
A FEDERAL-PROVINCIAL COMMITTEE TO DEVELOP PRECISE POLICY
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OPTIONS TO BE CONSIDERED TO REDUCE BOTH THE SUPPLY OF
AND DEMAND FOR ILLICIT NARCOTICS. THE COMMITTEE IS ALSO
TO CONSIDER COST IMPLICATIONS OF ITS POLICY RECOMMENDA-
TIONS. WHILE COMMITTEE WILL STUDY ALL ILLICIT DRUGS,
ITS MAJOR FOCUS WILL BE THE HEROIN PROBLEM IN BRITISH
COLUMBIA.

3. COMMENT: IT IS ENCOURAGING TO NOTE THIS NEW COOPERATION BETWEEN THE FEDERAL AND PROVINCIAL GOVERNMENTS IN THE AREA OF DRUG ABUSE. GOC HAS TENDED TO LEAVE MUCH OF THE HEROIN ADDICTION PROBLEM TO THE PROVINCES TO HANDLE. PERHAPS COMMITTEE MAY HELP INVOLVE FEDERAL GOVERNMENT MORE DIRECTLY IN TREATMENT OF DRUG ABUSE IN CANADA. FULL TEXT OF PRESS RELEASE BY POUCH TO EUR/CAN.
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